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Federal Emergency Management Agency Training

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is the central point of contact within the Federal Government for a wide range of emergency management activities. The agency has numerous roles, including coordinating Government activities, providing planning assistance, guiding and advising various agencies, and delivering training.

FEMA's training program is delivered through the Emergency Management Institute (EMI). EMI provides emergency management training to enhance emergency management practices throughout the United States for the full range of potential emergencies.

A complete listing of EMI courses is available on FEMA's website. The address is <http://www.fema.gov>.

Independent Study Courses

FEMA's independent study program is one of the ways that emergency management training is provided to the general public and to emergency management audiences. Many independent study courses are available through FEMA's website. All courses are suitable for either individual or group enrollment and are available at no charge.

Protecting Your Home or Small Business From Disasters

A constant stream of news stories remind us that disasters can disrupt our lives and damage our homes and businesses with little or no notice.

This independent study course will address different types of hazards and describe specific measures that you can take to protect your home or place of business. No prior knowledge of the subject is assumed. This course will provide a foundation of knowledge that will enable you to:

- Explain how protective measures can reduce or eliminate long-term risks to your home and personal property from hazards and their effects.
- Explain how protective measures for small businesses secure people, business property, and building structures and prevent business loss following a natural disaster.
- Describe different types of natural disasters.
- Describe hazards that pose a risk to your home or small business.

Course Lessons

This course has five lessons:

Lesson 1. Overview: Protecting Against Disasters—Provides an overview of the types of disasters that are most likely to damage homes and businesses, and addresses the likelihood that these hazards will affect your community.

Lesson 2. Protecting Against Water Damage—Describes how to determine your risk of flooding, describes a range of methods to avoid water damage, and discusses the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Lesson 3. Protecting Against Wind Damage—Describes risks from hurricanes and tornadoes, and provides methods to protect your home or place of business from wind damage.

Lesson 4. Protecting Against Wildfires—Describes locations that are particularly susceptible to damage from wildfires, and actions you can take to protect your home or place of business from wildfires.

Lesson 5. Protecting Against Earthquake Damage—Discusses areas of the United States that are considered most at risk from earthquakes, and describes ways to protect your home or place of business from earthquake damage.

How To Complete the Course

You may complete this course at your own pace. Definitions of important terms used throughout the course appear in the Glossary located after Lesson 5.

A short quiz follows each lesson. Use the Answer Key located after the Glossary to check your answers. If you have missed any questions, go back and review the material again.

As an option, credit can be provided to those who successfully complete the entire course and score at least 75 percent on a final examination. To take the final examination, log on to <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/> and follow the links for *Protecting Your Home or Small Business From Disasters, IS 394.A*. Those who pass the examination can expect to receive a certificate of completion within 2 weeks from the date the examination is received at FEMA.

Questions about this option should be directed to the FEMA Independent Study Program by calling 1-800-238-2258 and asking for the Independent Study Office or emailing at independent.study@dhs.gov.